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## NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET - AT A GLANCE

### DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone on whole body hens and toms barely steady to weak. Limited sales reported for fill-in basis. Demand light. Offerings of hens and toms more than adequate for trade needs. Fresh sales taking place for the upcoming holiday. Parts and meats trading slow. Demand limited with general tone of the market barely steady to weak, except frozen thigh meat which is held with confidence.



### EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading light on all items. Movement consisted small volumes of thigh meat, tom drums and mechanically separated turkey. Demand light to moderate. Supplies adequate, except frozen thigh meat.

**WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **DECEMBER 11, 2001**

#### CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/

#### FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/

#### OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	65-70	65	65.00	25	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	67-70	69	69.00	20	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	68-72	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	59-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	58-60	60	60.00	20	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	59-63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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EASTERN REGION 3/	65-70	65-69	66.78	45	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	67-69	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	68-72	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	58-60	58-60	58.40	100	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	58-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	59-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

**NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT,** FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 11 DECEMBER 2001.

The undertone on hen and tom drums was steady to barely steady, tom full-cut wings and necks steady to instances weak, hen full-cut wings and necks steady at best, hen and tom 2-joint wings barely steady to weak with hens in the weakest position, and tails were about steady. Bulk parts demand was seasonally slow for domestic shipments, light to instances fair for export. Offerings available. Domestic and export trading was light on all items. Some minor shipping delays were noted at the Mexican border due in part to the impending border crossing inspection deadline.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/				
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/	122.00		122.00	11
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		W	96.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		F	30.67	129
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		F	30.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	28.00-29.00		28.11	45
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	37.00		37.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	35.00		35.00	14
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	30.45	55
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		R	50.00	20
NECKS, TOM		F	35.41	17
NECKS, HEN	30.00		30.00	13
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/		M	145.00	49
THIGH MEAT		F	80.00	8
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		F	78.00	20
BREAST TRIM MEAT	125.00		125.00	80
SCAPULA MEAT		F	122.00	24
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	122.00		122.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		F	129.43	140
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		F	81.00	30
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		R	15.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		M	13.50	280

#### EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		M	28.00	208
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	36.00		36.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		M	27.50	104
TAILS		W	28.17	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		M	15.00	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	80.00-80.50		80.25	80

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.):

M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins. 4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

#### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS

	RANGE
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	98-107
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	98-107
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	79
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	70
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	73-78

#### SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
TURKEYS Y HENS	87-102
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	81-99
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	81-99
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	81-99
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	93-101

**NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT**, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 12 DECEMBER 2001.

The trade sentiment on tom breast meat and destrapped tenderloins was steady to instances weak, breast trim steady to barely steady with ground the softest, scapula barely steady at best and wing meat steady. White meat demand was light. Offerings of tom breast meat and destrapped tenderloins ranged adequate to ample, breast trim mixed with ground the most readily available, scapula fully adequate, and wing meat was generally adequate. Domestic trading centered on a moderately heavy volume of fresh 15-20% mechanically separate turkey (MST), balance slow. Grade A 4-8 lb. breasts traded at 94.75 cents delivered January. Export trading consisted of light volumes of thigh meat, drums and MST. Offerings of frozen thigh meat continued to be held with confidence with higher trending offering and sales prices noted.

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BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		T	122.00	11
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		W	96.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	29.00		29.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		F	30.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	28.00-29.00		28.73	74
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		T	37.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	35.00		35.00	34
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	30.00		30.00	27
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		R	50.00	20
NECKS, TOM	33.00-34.00		33.63	38
NECKS, HEN		T	30.00	13
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	135.00		135.00	80
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	141.00-142.00		141.67	120
THIGH MEAT		F	80.00	8
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		F	78.00	20
BREAST TRIM MEAT		T	125.00	80
SCAPULA MEAT	125.00		125.00	40
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	115.00-120.00		116.67	120
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	123.00		123.00	40
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		F	81.00	30
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		R	15.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	14.00-15.00		14.51	736

#### EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	28.00-29.00		28.20	200
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		T	36.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		M	27.50	104
TAILS		W	28.17	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	14.00		14.00	120
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	81.00-83.00		82.14	280

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#### BREEDER TURKEYS CERTIFIED IN CALIFORNIA W/E 12/12/01

POULTRY HEALTH BOARD	ACCUMULATED		
SEASON	HEAVY	HEAVY	ALL
JULY 1 TO JUNE 30	WHITE	WHITES	BREEDS
2001-2002	2,746	194,581	194,881
2000-2001	7,634	163,684	163,934